House Bill No. 156

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits

Program - Prescription Drug Benefit Options

<u>State Employees and Retirees - State Prescription Drug Benefit Plan - Co-Payments</u>

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program to provide the same prescription drug benefit options to employees and retirees and their dependents as provided on a certain date; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program and prescription drug benefit options establishing a certain limit on the amount of the co-payment that the State Prescription Drug Benefit Plan may charge enrollees for a certain prescription filled through the voluntary mail order option that the Plan is required to offer; making conforming and technical changes; and generally relating to prescription drug benefits for State employees and retirees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-502(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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Section 2 502

Annotated Code of Maryland

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(As enacted by Chapter 444 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2-502.

- (a) There is a State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program, to be developed and administered by the Secretary.
 - (b) (1) The Program:
- (i) subject to the regulations adopted under § 2–503 of this subtitle, shall encompass all units in the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of State government, including any unit with an independent personnel system;